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FOLLOWING IS JOINT REPORT OF CAPE TOWN FIVE ON THEIR INFORMAL
MEETING WITH FOURIE TODAY FEB 16 ON CLARIFYING LANGUAGE FOR
THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL ON NAMIBIA:

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET INFORMALLY WITH MR. FOURIE AT
1500 HRS LOCAL TIME. HE UNDERTOOK TO STUDY THE CLARIFICATIONS
AND TO MEET US AT 1500 HRS TOMORROW TO GIVE US HIS REACTION.
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HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD INFORM HIS MINISTER,
HE DID NOT INTEND TO REFER THE CLARIFICATIONS TO
HIS GOVT AT THIS STAGE. THE ANSWERS HE WOULD GIVE WOULD
THEREFORE REPRESENT HIS OWN JUDGMENT OF WHAT WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVT.

2. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE TWO SPECIFIC POINTS ON WHICH

HE WISHED TO REACT IMMEDIATELY AND FORCEFULLY: THE FIRST RELATED TO CLARIFICATION (F). THE WORDS "IT SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT" IN THE FIRST OF THE TWO NEW SENTENCES GAVE THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE A VETO WHICH WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE WORDS TO THE EFFECT "HE WILL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL".

3. THE SECOND RELATED TO CLARIFICATION (Q). WHILE HE DID NOT OBJECT TO THE DELETION PROPOSED, HE REGARDED THE LATTER PART OF THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 8 (B) OF THE PROPOSAL AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM. "THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY WHATSOEVER OF THIS BEING ACCEPTED BY MY GOVT." HE HAD IN FACT UNDERSTOOD FROM THE DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK THAT A PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION OF THIS CONCEPT WAS BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE FIVE. HE SAID HE MUST ASK THAT AFTER THE WORDS "OR BOTH" THE SENTENCE SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON THE FOLLOWING LINES "...AND THE WITHDRAWAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY INDEPENDENCE, SUBJECT TO WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS THE NEW NAMIBIAN GOVT MAY HAVE MADE FOR THE FUTURE".

4. WE NEXT REMINDED HIM THAT THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP WAS AWAITING HIS PROMISED INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITIZEN FORCE, COMMANDOS AND ETHNIC FORCES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS OBLIGATION. IN RETURN HE SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CONTACT GROUP
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ON THE MECHANISM FOR THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES. UNTIL THESE WERE RECEIVED, HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE THE PROVISION IN CLARIFICATION (L) FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE INDEPENDENT JURIST.

5. ON WALVIS BAY, HE LISTENED ATTENTATIVELY TO THE SUGGESTED FORMULATION TO WHICH HIS REACTION WAS ON THE WHOLE NOT DISCOURAGING. HE UNDERTOOK TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY AND GIVE US HIS REACTION TOMOROW.

6. IN CLOSING OUR DISCUSSION, FOURIE SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE CLARIFICATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THE WHOLE PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE HIS GOVT WAS ALMOST AT THE POINT WHERE IT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A DECISION FOR THIS THEY NEEDED A FIRM AND FINAL PROPOSAL.
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